

## Editor's Column

This is the final issue that we will bring to you as co-editors of *PNLA Quarterly*. We are passing the mantle on to a new editor (or editors) in order to pursue pressing projects at our own library. We regret this, but also look forward to new perspectives in the journal and to our own next chapters.

What a great learning experience the past two years have been for us! We've been able to experiment with new content for the journal, discover people eager to share ideas and viewpoints across the region, develop a new platform for the journal on Open Journal Systems software, and implement new procedures for author permissions and other open access features.

What have we learned in the process? We've learned that

- the PNLA region abounds in smart, articulate librarians who are generous with their time and ideas.
- moving a journal further into the world of open access is a satisfying if time consuming project.
- it feels great to package up and distribute completely regional content that has the potential to advance the work of librarians across all library types in the region.
- collaboration really is what it's all about – in creating a journal as well as in our daily professional lives.
- valuing the ideas and needs of all library types in the region results in great cross-pollination as well as improved understanding of shared and diverse issues.
- editing a journal is more time consuming than anyone can imagine!
- no matter how closely you read something, you are bound to miss that tiny little punctuation error or typo.

Our last issue contains articles generated out of programs presented at the annual PNLA conference, this time in Calgary, Alberta, in August 2016. The conference reinforced for us the value of a bi-national library organization such as PNLA. Seeing libraries in Calgary and rubbing elbows with more of our Canadian colleagues than usual was an enlightening experience. And eating poutine for the first time definitely put the icing on the cake.

So we thank the PNLA Board, our readers, our authors, and our peer reviewers for all your good will, great content, and patience as we performed our editorial duties. Here's to the next editor(s)! We'll work with them to help continue the tradition of *PNLA Quarterly* as a voice for the profession in this beautiful region.

Thank you,  
Jan Zauha & Leila Sterman